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The Honorable Rex Richardson Councilmember, City of Long Beach 333 W. Ocean Bl., 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Councilmember Richardson

It is very appropriate for the new north branch library to bear the name of the first African-America First Lady of the United States – Michelle Obama.

Michelle Obama comes from humble beginnings in Chicago. A product of public schools, she persevered in her studies at Whitney Young Magnet School and earned a Bachelor's Degree from Princeton University and a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School.

Throughout her professional career as an attorney, leadership roles at the University of Chicago, City of Chicago and as First Lady, Michelle Obama has been instrumental in promoting not only physical wellness but also inspiring young people to take charge of their futures through higher education or professional training programs. "The Reach Higher Initiative of 2014" and "Let Girls Learn Initiative of 2015" quickly come to mind.

Our young people need role models and leaders that will inspire them to continue in their endeavors to better themselves, improve their lives and that of their families and community.

Every time anyone looks at the name of the library, they will be encouraged and inspired to continue striving towards greatness.

It is with great pleasure that I join my constituents of North Long Beach in support of naming the new Long Beach Library Branch after First Lady Michelle Obama.

Sincerely,

Janice Hahn

Member of Congress

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